

POLITICS ON AMERICAN LINES.

Ever since 1899 the Advertiser has been in favor of the constructive party work which is now being done by the Democrats. It was humiliating from an American standpoint to see an historic continental party of the United States playing second fiddle to such an aggregation of insular ignorance and spite as the Home Rule party. This paper has often urged the native citizens to join one American party and the other, originally pointing out that even if the Home Rule organization elected a Delegate to Congress he would have no political affiliations and no standing there. The effacement of Wilcox proved the truth of the prophecy and since then the purely local party has been losing numbers and influence. Coincident with this has been the growth of the Democracy, and now that party promises to take its natural and proper place as the chief and probably the only opponent of the Republican party in the Territory.

This is a step forward in the work of Americanizing Hawaii. There is no political teacher like a political party. In America it is a training school for citizens where the history of the common country is studied, living issues taught, a loyal spirit inculcated; where men learn what self-government means and how to exercise it. One of the most vicious things about the Home Rule party is that it lives in the Polynesian and not the American state of mind and would, if it had a chance to decide the issue, cast a solid vote in November for the restoration of the throne. So far as it is a teacher at all, it teaches race prejudice and hostility to the United States and resistance to destiny. Such a party has no place under the American system; it is well that it is disintegrating and finding in the Republican and Democratic parties the natural outlet for its political aspirations under the American flag.

IAUKEA FOR CONGRESS.

The great question with the Democrats, now they have named Iaukea for Congress, is whether they can keep him Democratic until the end of the campaign. He has belonged to all three parties within a year and back of that had a now-you-see-it-and-now-you-don't record which would have scared a chameleon.

Queen Emma had the honor, such as it was, of bringing Iaukea into public notice. She made much of the stalwart youth but at the first good opportunity he deserted her party for that of Kalakaua. The King kept him amused with decorative trifles and Iaukea was fairly loyal to his second benefactor, but when Liliuokalani came to the throne he turned against her and became one of the few natives who supported the P. G. During that period he went to Washington as an attendant of President Dole, whom he subsequently opposed. Upon annexation he became an ardent Republican but failing of office he joined the Home Rule party and ran on its county ticket last fall for Assessor. Before long he became a marplot in Home Rule counsels and then went over to the Democrats. Where he will go next even he cannot guess, but those who know him best put least reliance in his Democratic professions.

To protect the neutrality of Shanghai it is not only necessary for the powers to keep the Japanese from attacking the Russian ships in the harbor, but it is requisite that they should prevent the Russian vessels from leaving port, after having been refitted, so as to carry on the war against a friendly power. Presuming on the weakness of China, the Askold and Grozovoi apparently thought that they could stay in Shanghai at pleasure and leave at will; but a hint from the consuls and the movements of American warships, seems to have changed the program for it is now announced that the Russian craft will disarm.

It would be interesting to know whether the German method of felling trees by sawing through them with a white-hot platinum wire could be applied to cane. If some way could be found to put out incipient fires, the use of the platinum wire in cutting the plantation crop would immensely cheapen the expense account of the big sugar estates.

The Japanese will take Saghalien Island in due time and return it to the mother country. Russia stole Saghalien from Japan long ago but now she cannot protect it. A large number of Russian political prisoners are probably awaiting the change of ownership with a lively personal interest.

While the two Japanese cruisers are in the north they may conclude to drop a few shells among the Russian soldiers who are protecting the seal-rookeries and who lately killed a schooner load of Nippon fishermen.

THE HAWAIIAN FUTURE.

The description by James W. Glavin, published in last Sunday's Advertiser, of the tour of Queen Emma twenty-nine years ago around the Island of Oahu, under the leadership of John A. Cummins, is a graphic and accurate piece of writing. It describes a succession of pageants that, as Mr. Cummins says, can never be reproduced. The grand procession from point to point, with its rich and rare decorations, the leis, in which the brightest colors were artistically grouped, the prancing horses, gorgeously caparisoned, the bonfires in the mountains, the luaus, in which all native delicacies were included and with which foreign contributions were combined, the daring surf-riding and bold and graceful water exercises, the hulas, that drove away lethargy and sleep, and, pervading all, the lavish hospitality and personal loyalty with which the island and the people literally glowed—all these formed a picture that could only have been rivalled in its attractive features, during the Middle Ages, and yet was impressed with Hawaiian individuality.

Civilization eliminates these scenes, which are only feebly imitated, even at international expositions. While they should be remembered and are of historical interest, particularly to the few who actually participated in them, would the world, or even the Hawaiian Islands themselves, be benefited if they could be revived? It is easy to understand the blended pleasure and regret, the solicitous melancholy notably among women, that the narrative would inspire in a native people in the rude process of transformation into a modern and Americanized community. It is not without a subtle appeal to the imagination and the sentiment of the Anglo-Saxon. The picture, however, is not merely exceptional but incomplete. It realizes only one unique and unfrequent Hawaiian possibility. It does not represent Hawaiian conditions. It fails to expose the sacrifices that poverty made to loyalty and display. It is filled with that external gaudiness which, in undeveloped and paternalized commonwealths, are the substitutes for internal training and individual resources. It presents only the blaze, the perfumes, the sensuousness, that are the occasional alternates to a hard struggle for existence, under the exhausting demands of absolutism.

Now the natives of Hawaii have before them a future, replete with enduring possibilities of comfort and happiness. They are in the throes of a transitional period, and they will either become extinct or they will emerge into the full and scarcely shadowed light of American citizenship. Thrown chiefly upon their own developing power, but aided by free institutions and by the conscious possession of rights that are common to all and unassailable, they have before them the opportunity for independence and for the application of the individual manhood and womanhood that need no artificial stimulants or accessories. They live under a plan of education that originated in struggle and industry and that recognizes no claim to advancement beyond individual merit. They are surrounded and penetrated by conveniences and opportunities that could not exist under a local autocracy. In the competitions and prizes of life, they are equals among equals, and, while uniformity of progress is as undesirable as it is impossible, they can steadily approach an average standard that has elevated the wage-earners of a continent far beyond the middle class, even of the last century. They are within the scope of high religious and moral training. They are compassed by a progressive civilization, where enterprise, refined pleasures and honorable achievements derive their inspiration from the heart and the brain, and not from the philanthropy of a monarch or a chief.

This is the result of missionary labor and endurance, but in the broader field of politics and government. The time may soon come when the most dissatisfied and unappreciative native of 1904 will realize and adopt the deep sentiment of Tennyson.

"Better fifty years of Europe
Than a cycle of Cathay."

SMALL FARMING.

In the weekly commercial resume of the Advertiser on Sunday last there were some observations that deserve the serious consideration of the Territorial government. The gist of the paragraph referred to is that "a specialized branch in charge of a sub-committee or an auxiliary bureau," of the "Promotion" organization, should co-operate with the land department in facilitating immigrants who desire to engage in small farming. This suggestion is timely and important.

In different parts of the islands, and especially on the island of Hawaii, it is believed that the development of small farming, which in North and South Kona and in many other districts is quite feasible, is hampered, not only by the private holders of large tracts of land, but by the land department itself. It is claimed that, if the Federal Government does not take over the management of the public lands, our local policy should be at least assimilated to the Homestead Act, but that, while professions are repeated and

strong, the practice is in the opposite direction. It is insisted by enterprising and prominent men that, under the guise of protecting the forests, large areas of land are withdrawn that might be and ought to be available for horticultural and agricultural purposes. Many observers argue that the reservation of forests on the mainland and in this Territory are two distinct questions that require different treatment. It is urged, with vigor and pertinacity, that here rains are precipitated from the ocean and are controlled by the winds and not by the forests, which are chiefly serviceable in retaining the moisture, after it has fallen, and, therefore, that the woods on the mountain slopes do not originate the rainfall, though a potent influence in its gradual and economic distribution.

These are questions that the local government should treat with gravity and with thoroughness. No one doubts the utility of legitimate forest-protection. But, if under this pretext, large bodies of land are withheld from men who desire permanent settlement and have the means and the experience to increase Territorial population and wealth, such a policy should be promptly modified. It is the dividing line between reservation and settlement that is in dispute. If the reservations run too low down on the mountain sides, they should be contracted and the cupidity and selfishness of either individuals or corporations that represent special interests and are inimical to the general welfare, should not be allowed to stand in the way.

The present local administration has shown an inclination to consult the actual necessities or wants of the islands. It now has an opportunity to prove the breadth of its capacity by co-operating with the Promotion Committee in a direction that means permanent enlargement of our resources and the addition of intelligent and stable elements of citizenship.

Americanization, surely under Republican administrations, does not mean playing into the hands of accumulation for the benefit of the few and treating the many with paternal benevolence, but the growth of individualized citizenship, equality of opportunity under the law, the full recognition of sturdy and independent citizens, of whom small farmers are probably the most stalwart class.

Mrs. Botkin, the San Francisco murderess, has escaped the gallows but will go to prison for life. Justice has been slow in her case but reasonably sure. Mrs. Botkin's crime was one of peculiar atrocity and but for the fact that she is a woman, she would probably have been hanged.

"Pie, coffee and conversation," said Senator Platt, of Connecticut, "are the three ingredients that constitute a good dinner."

"And the greatest of these is conversation," commented a companion. "No; pie is the greatest," corrected the Senator. "It excels conversation in that it always comes to you with a point to it."

Was not this Chicago merchant justified? "I hear you have discontinued the custom of giving your clerks a raise when they take a wife," said the visitor. "I have, indeed," replied the great merchant. "Why so?" "Well, the last clerk was a Mormon and came for a raise four times in a month."—Troy Times.

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